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Re: International Patent Application No PCT/US99/21694

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith is the necessary documentation for entering the National Phase for the subject patent application.

The national phase will begin on or about **March 20, 2002**.

Sincerely,



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